

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-73 were originally pending in this application. Claims 14-20, 41-53 and 67-73 are withdrawn from consideration. As a result, claims 1-13, 21-40 and 54-66 are currently pending. Claims 1, 21, 31 and 54 are independent. All of the independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 21, 31 and 54), and dependent claims 22-30, 32-40 and 55-66 are herein amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-13, 21-40 and 54-66 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,567,121 to Kuno ("Kuno"). In particular, in rejecting claim 1, the Examiner indicates Figures 1, 4 and 7 along with relevant portions of Kuno for the basis of the rejection.

Kuno discloses a camera control system/method in a network environment (e.g., internet) where a user can control the pan and tilt angles of the camera over the network while watching the images taken by the camera. Kuno discloses that the image data is stored in correspondence with its angle and time information (col. 3, lines 59-62). Kuno further discloses that a user can search a specific image with specific pan/tilt angles along with specific time frame after the image is stored (col. 6, lines 1-3) In Kuno's camera control system, previously sensed image information is stored along with the associated angle information (i.e., pan and tilt angles of the

camera) and time information, so that image information with an angle desired by the user can be searched for and displayed.

Independent claims 1, 21, 31 and 54 have been amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites:

A method of managing a photographing condition of an image sensing apparatus by a user, comprising:
a displaying step of displaying an image photographed by the image sensing apparatus and an associated photographing condition in photographing the image;
an image selection step of selecting the image by the user while the user monitors the image; and
a first storage step of storing the image and the associated photographing condition upon receiving a request from the user.

One of the aspects of the present invention as featured in claim 1 as amended displays a photographed image and associated photographing condition. The user then, while monitoring the image, selects the image and requests it to be stored along with the photographing condition. In contrast, as apparent from the above descriptions, Kuno's apparatus automatically stores the image without any allowable intervention from the user. ✓

Other independent claims (i.e., claims 21, 31 and 54) as amended have similar features to claim 1, i.e., the photographed image and photographing condition are stored upon request by the user.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that each of independent claims 1, 21, 31 and 54 as amended is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Kuno for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 21, 31 and 54 under 35

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U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicants have not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicants submit that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicants however reserve the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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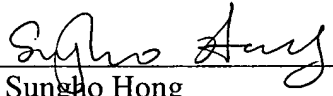
AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4582). **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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